

## REMARKS

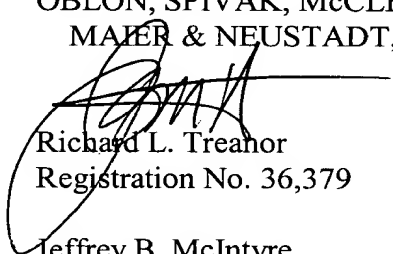
Claims 7 has been amended in an editorial, non-limiting manner. The word "is" has been added to claim 7.

Moreover, Greek prefixes were inadvertently omitted from claims 8 and 18 and the symbol for degree "°" was inadvertently omitted from claim 12 in Applicants' recitation of the pending claims accompanying Applicants' Amendment filed October 8, 2003. Applicants have underlined the omitted prefixes in claims 8 and 18 and the omitted degree symbol in claim 12 above. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8, 12 and 18, as originally filed and as set forth above, are the allowed claims, not claims 8, 12 and 18 as set forth in the October 8, 2003 Amendment. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request that claims 8, 12 and 18 be amended to reflect the original claim language.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not alter the scope of the allowed claims. In other words, no new matter has been added by these amendments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments are appropriate and should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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